

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**RE:** MUR 6985

Lee Zeldin

Zeldin for Senate

Dear Mr. Tyrrell:

The Commission has been made aware of the Request to Rescind Reason to Believe Finding and Dismiss filed on June 13, 2017, on behalf of your clients, Lee Zeldin and Zeldin for Senate. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and its implementing regulations contain no provision for the Commission to consider such a request.

The Commission has authorized pre-probable cause conciliation in this matter and has provided to you a proposed conciliation agreement.

As to the statement in the June 13 document at page 6 that Mr. Zeldin was a state candidate when Zeldin for Senate accepted corporate contributions in January 2014, please provide factual support, including relevant documents. As to the statement at pages 5 and 10 that Zeldin for Senate had sufficient permissible funds to make the state and local political contributions, please provide information, including relevant documents, that the state senate committee segregated permissible funds from non-permissible funds and made those state and local political committee contributions with the segregated permissible funds.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please let me know at (202) 694-1548 or epaoli@fcc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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